

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 10, which the Examiner has noted as including allowable subject matter. New claims 16-32, which depend from claim 9, have been added. Support for the new claims is as follows: support for new claim 16 is found on page 6, lines 27-30, and page 7, lines 1-4; support for new claim 17 is found on page 7, lines 23-26; support for new claim 18 is found on page 8, lines 17-19; support for new claim 19 is found on page 9, lines 19-21; support for new claim 20 is found on page 12, lines 7-9; support for new claim 21 is found on page 14, lines 28-29; support for new claim 22 is found on page 14, lines 28-29; support for new claim 23 is found on page 15, lines 15-17; support for new claim 24 is found on page 17, lines 9-11; support for new claim 25 is found on page 3, lines 10-18; support for new claim 26 is found on page 6, lines 14-17; support for new claim 27 is found on page 6, lines 17-21; support for new claim 28 is found on page 4, lines 4-6, and page 13, lines 10-20; support for new claim 29 is found on page 7, lines 5-7; support for new claim 30 is found on page 7, lines 13-20; support for new claim 31 is found on page 7, lines 18-20; and support for new claim 32 is found on page 7, lines 22-27, and page 15, lines 23-24. No new matter has been added.

### CONCLUSION

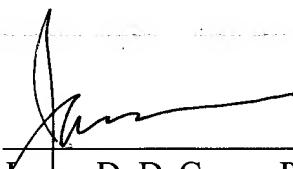
Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office action for three months, to and including March 17, 2005, and a check in payment of the required extension fee. In addition, a check for \$75.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claims added by the current amendment.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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